Modern hospitals

†*317. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmnt have formulated any scheme to provide financial assistance to the State Governments for construction of hospitals equipped with the latest facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated under the scheme during the year 2002-03 and the amount actually spent?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have no general scheme to provide financial assistance to the State Governments for construction of hospitals equipped with the latest facilities. Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the respective State Governments to provide necessary medical facilities in their States. However, on the basis of socio-economic status, regional imbalances both in provision of specialty healthcare services as well as in specialized medical education across the country, the Government has decided, in principle, to set up six super specialty hospitals on the pattern of All India Institute fo Medical Sciences, New Delhi under 'Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana' in six underserved States in the country. The Government has also decided, in principle, to upgrade/ existing institutions in certain remaining underserved States/Regions to meet their demand for super specialty health services.

Telecast of DD in border areas

*318. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to widen the reach of Doordarshan in border areas to counter the propaganda of the PoK T.V.;

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